Indo-US talks

*334. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of an expanded framework of dialogue between the two sides, India and the United States would share notes on China;

(b) if so, whether both India and US have decided to expand the horizon of their talks by including discussions about the regional situation in the sub-continent;

(c) whether several Government officials visited US and had discussions on the situation in Sri Lanka, Nepal and China; and

(d) if so, to what extent, both the countries have taken a decision regarding China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Regular exchange of bilateral visits has provided opportunity to the two Governments to exchange views on all regional and international issues of mutual interest, including developments in Nepal, Sri Lanka and China.

(d) The two Governments will continue their discussion on these subjects, including on China.

Additional employment generation

*335. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour, in its 11th Report of 2001, has observed stagnation in creating additional employment generation particularly for the educated youth;

(b) whether the quantum of unemployment has increased from one plan period to the other;